

## **HOUSE BILL 487:** CC Short-Term Workforce Training Funds.

## 2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: House Education - Community Colleges. If Date:

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Calendar, and Operations of the House

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Analysis of: First Edition Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: House Bill 487 would appropriate funds to the Community College System Office (System Office) for short-term workforce training continuing education programs that lead to a State or industry-recognized credential.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 487 appropriates \$12,051,477 in additional recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year for short-term workforce training continuing education programs that lead to a State or industry-recognized credential. The funds are to be used to eliminate the full-time equivalent (FTE) determination disparity between short-term workforce training programs and curriculum programs.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective July 1, 2019.

**BACKGROUND: SECTION 9.14.(a)** Section 9.14 of S.L. 2017-57 (2017 Appropriations Act) directed the System Office to allocate funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to community colleges to support short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials. The State Board of Community Colleges had to adopt an application process for community colleges to apply to receive these funds which were to be allocated at the same FTE value as curriculum courses.

